



# Seven Stars Primary School

## Phoenix Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

What a fantastic start to Year 6 we have had so far! Year 6 is the final chapter of your primary school journey. This year will be full of new responsibilities and opportunities, rewarding experiences (which began with an amazing trip to Hothersall Lodge) and challenges. As well as reaching your potential academically, there will be plenty of opportunities to take on important key roles within school that will equip you for your transition to high school. In Year 6, you will be expected to work hard but have a lot of fun along the way.

Our first topic is 'Raiders and Invaders!' We will be travelling back in time to find out what life in Britain was like at the time of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and finding out about the struggle of the Kingdom of England. Additionally, we will look at how evidence is used, research where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from and who they were.

I look forward to teaching you all this year. I hope you are as excited as I am for the year ahead!

*Miss Unsworth, Miss Hickson and Mrs Lowther*

### P.E -

Our PE day for this term is Friday Please ensure that your child has an appropriate outdoor PE kit. Earrings should either not be worn or covered with plasters. We will be swimming on Thursday mornings. Please ensure a full swimming kit is in school.

### School Values

Our school values are tolerance, honesty, respect, resilience, determination, responsibility, kindness, courage, gratitude and empathy.

### HELPING AT HOME -

Please contact us on Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. Continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. We do ask the children questions about the text before we allow them to change it. We may ask them to read through the text again if they unable to answer questions.

### ENGLISH -

Throughout our units of writing we will be focusing on different sentence structures, consistent and correct use of punctuation and how to organise and manipulate our writing to create particular effects and engage our readers. This term, we will be reading the texts *The Nowhere Emporium* and *Beowulf*. Our writing units will focus around this.

### MATHS -

This term we will be concentrating on place value, written methods for calculations and mental calculations. We will also be practicing our problem solving skills every week. When solving problems, we encourage children to think through these questions: Do I know the answer? Can I solve this in my head? Do I need to do a jotting? Do I need to use a written method? Our targets for the autumn term will focus on using appropriate mental strategies

### Topic

Key Questions: Who were the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons? Where did they come from? What did they believe? What was life like as an Anglo-Saxon and Viking? Where and why did the Vikings raid? Why was Alfred the Great so great? Who was Edward the Confessor?

History/Geography - The Anglo-Saxon and Viking struggle for the Kingdom of England and map work.

Art - Drawing skills and clay work linked to Dragon art.

DT - Using materials to design, cut, shape and join a Viking boat.

Science - 'Animals including humans'.

Computing - Presenting information in various ways and internet safety.